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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Bernd **KRUEGER**  
"WARMING/CHILLING APPARATUS"  
Our Ref.: 4052.001  
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the specification, claims and abstract, three (3) sheets of formal drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney and Preliminary Amendment.

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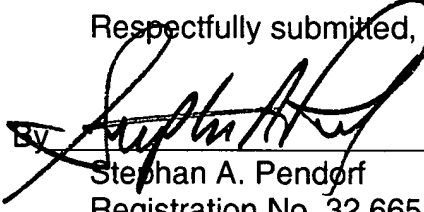
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Priority is claimed from March 25, 2003, based on German Application No. 103 14 138.3.

Respectfully submitted,

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